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Letter dated 2 March 1995 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text, in English and in French, of the statement issued on 28 February 1995 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on the accession of Argentina to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex issued as a document of the General Assembly under item 70 of the preliminary list.

(Signed) Jean-Bernard MÉRIMÉE

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ANNEX

[Original: English and French]

Statement by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on the accession of Argentina to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

The European Union welcomes the fact that Argentina has deposited on 10 February its instrument of accession to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons as a non-nuclear-weapon State. This accession confirms Argentina's firm commitment to contribute towards international nuclear non-proliferation efforts, as already demonstrated by the quadripartite agreement concluded between Argentina, Brazil, the Brazilian-Argentine Agency for Accounting and Control of Nuclear Materials and the International Atomic Energy Agency, and the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco) ratified by Argentina on 18 January 1994.

The European Union takes this opportunity to underscore its belief in universal adherence to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and calls upon States which have not yet done so to accede to the Treaty as non-nuclear-weapon States.

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the Union align themselves with this statement.